

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Wesley Huddleston and the 1995-1996 Wayne County High School girls' basketball team on finishing as Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A State Tournament runner-up.

WHEREAS, the excellent 1995-1996 Wayne County High School girls' basketball team has worked very hard, persevered and come on strong when it counted most, winning 15 out of their last 16 games and finishing as Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A runner-up; and

WHEREAS, this talented team finished runner-up in tough regular season District 12 competition; and

WHEREAS, Wayne County won the coveted District 12-A Tournament, beating Perry County 76-43 and Collinwood 70-60; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Cats had a "Purr-fect" Region 6-A Tournament, defeating Culleoka 64-35, Mt. Pleasant 64-41 and Perry County 53-51; and

WHEREAS, in the crucial substate game, they bested Cascade 66-46; and

WHEREAS, in the State Tournament, Wayne County was stubborn enough to prove everyone, but their fiercely loyal fans, WRONG, impressively beating Battle Ground Academy 45-33 and Oneida 57-45, before losing a close contest to Bradford; and

WHEREAS, the team shot an incredible 79% from the free throw line in the state tournament; and

WHEREAS, this was their eighth state tournament appearance; and

WHEREAS, their overall season record was 25-9; and

WHEREAS, The Lady Cats stingy defense allowed only 49 points per game during this memorable season; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded and respected **Coach Wesley Huddleston** has performed his duties in an exemplary manner and is an inspirational mentor to his players; and

WHEREAS, sensational senior point guard **Valerie Hall** averaged 15 points and 7 rebounds per game and was chosen Honorable Mention All-State, All-State Tournament, All-Region 6-A Tournament, All-District 12-A Tournament and regular season All-District 12-A; jumping junior guard **Cherry Bevis**, who scored 27 points against Summertown, making 12 of 12 free throws, was selected All-State Tournament, All-Region 6-A Tournament, All-District 12-A Tournament and regular season All-District 12-A; super senior guard **Christy Pope**, who took 17 charges on the season, was named All-District 12-A Tournament and regular season All-District 12-A; expert senior guard **Nicole Davenport** hit three important 3-point shots in the first quarter against Collinwood in the District Tournament title match; starting junior guard **Shontè Casteel** hit 12 of 13 free throws in the state tournament; and junior guard **Jyl Jones** scored 13 points against Loretto; and

WHEREAS, each of the other players on this talented team: junior point guard **Shannon Dugger**; sophomores, forward **Candy Sparks** and point guard **Crystal Kilpatrick** and freshmen, guard **Amy Andrews**, guard **Andrea Castleman**, guard **Andrea McNutt**, guard **Sabrina Whitehead**, forward **Lindsay Crews**, guard **Jyl Crews** and point guard **Sarah Johnson**, have made a significant contribution to the success the team has enjoyed; and

WHEREAS, the diligent managers were: **Bridgett Bass**, **Amanda Walker**, **Mary Hollis**, **Haley Beckham**, **Ryan Haddock** and **Martha Pitts**; and

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee is very proud of its high school athletic teams; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Wesley Huddleston and the 1995-1996 Wayne County girls' basketball team, salute them on their numerous accomplishments and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final resolving clause omitted from such copies.